

cheerfulness, and without the first complaint."⁸³

The sale came off on schedule and the two sons, Josiah and Arthur, bid in both Somerset Place and Western Farm for \$10,000 apiece-" not an approach to their value," said Mrs. Charles L. Pettigrew. But the creditors were not satisfied with the sale and contested it. The family was thrown into uncertainty at this turn of events and did not know whether the sale would be confirmed until the next superior court. If it was not confirmed, said Mrs. Pettigrew,

They will be worse off than before, for they had a sale of stock and household articles on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Arthur bought in many things, indeed almost everything. Should the sale not be confirmed these will be resold I am told. Dr. Warren [their uncle] is the principal creditor and being very angry with the young men I fear they will have much trouble still....I greatly fear we may yet lose our neighbours - it will be decided in two weeks more.⁸⁴

The sale was not confirmed and the family labored for a while under another suspense.⁸⁵

In 1870 Mrs. Collins assigned Somerset Place to William B. Shepard to satisfy an obligation of \$10,000 against her late husband's estate. This arose from the guardianship that Collins had exercised over Shepard during the latter's minority. The lands conveyed in this transaction amounted to 4,428 acres, which was the area of Somerset Place proper.⁸⁶

⁸³Mrs. C. L. Pettigrew to Minnie North, December 8, 1866. Pettigrew Papers, U.N.C. "Western" referred to was and is Western Farm, a subsidiary plantation to Somerset Place.

⁸⁴Mrs. C. L. Pettigrew to Minnie North, February 2, 1867. Pettigrew Papers, U.N.C.

⁸⁵Mary Pettigrew to W. S. Pettigrew, February 24, 1867. Pettigrew Papers, U.N.C.

⁸⁶Tyrrell Deeds, Bk. 25, pp. 117-118.